

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
THE OTHER HALF	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00
EXTRA	1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	24:00
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

EXTRA – A national syndicated program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs Monday – Friday, 1:30 – 2:00 PM.

THE OTHER HALF – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show addresses several topics in one episode and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The show began airing 9/10/01.

NEWSCENTER 6 - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2002**

1. CRIME / PENAL SYSTEM
2. EDUCATION
3. HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL
4. CONSUMER AWARENESS
5. GOVERNMENT / POLITICS
6. SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE / ENVIRONMENT
7. EMPLOYMENT / UNDEREMPLOYMENT / LABOR / ECONOMY
8. FAMILY ISSUES

***REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.**

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . JANUARY

1/03/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Pete Williams

CRIME FIGURES

New crime figures are out, and it appears that we've reached the end of the steady decline that occurred during the 1990's. What's troubling criminologists is the murder rate in big cities. Pete Williams reports.

1:28 - Package

Prof. James Fox - Northeastern University

Alfred Blumstein - Carnegie Mellon University

1/04/02, 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

PELLET GUNS

Realistic-looking pellet guns are being used across the nation for different reasons. Police say they've even seen criminals try to disguise their deadly weapons with the orange tip required by law for pellet guns. Sophia Wharton takes a look at why it is so hard to tell the difference between them and real guns.

1:01 - Package

Michael Lange - State College

Sgt. John Wilson - State College Police Dept.

Tom Engle - Owner, Hunter's Warehouse

1/07/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sherry Stalley

SNOW BALL

All this snow can add up to a great snowball fight. But you may want to think twice before you take aim. If you throw a snowball at a car, it's another story that could cost you big time. Jail time. Sherry Stalley is standing by live with more.

:48 - Package

:13 - Live

Capt. Craig Foust - Johnstown Police Dept.

1/07/02, 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

PLANE CRASH

In light of that suicide crash by a Tampa teenager, federal officials are re-evaluating security at general aviation airports. Alison Burns has details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:54 - Package

Marcell Bernard - Flight Instructor

Adm. Stufflebeam - Joint Chiefs of Staff

1/07/02, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

Accidents and emergencies happen everyday in stores, on the roads, even at work. But if they don't involve you, how much should you involve yourself? The answer to that question may lie in Good Samaritan laws. Julie Sidoni is live in Johnstown to tell us exactly how the law works.

1:27 - Package

:16 - Live

Sandra Jablonski - Southern Allegheny EMS

Kevin Rozich - Attorney

1/08/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

VATICAN ON PEDOPHILES

Tonight there are new rules for pedophile accusations against priests. This follows the Vatican's release of a set of guidelines on the issue, approved by Pope John Paul the Second, in the form of letters to bishops world-wide. Julie Sidoni is working this story. She's live now with more.

:51 - Package

:13 - Live

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . JANUARY

1/10/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PREVENT THEFT

Security experts say that some thieves are getting smarter. Therefore, potential victims need to get smarter too. The key is making your home look lived-in, even when you're not there.

:41 – SOT/VO

Edward Jaber – Protective Security

1/14/02, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

IDENTITY THEFT

The Federal Trade Commission declares identity theft to be one of the fastest growing crimes. In tonight's "Smart Tip," find out what you can do to protect your identity from being stolen.

1:30 – Package

Linda Foley – Identity Theft Center

Carol Marie Cropper – Business

1/16/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

GUN SALES

A new reports shows that thousands of criminals are getting guns. Why? It's because of gaps in the Federal government's background check system. The Americans for Gun Safety Foundation says states like Pennsylvania are failing to provide the FBI's database with enough information about criminals and mentally disabled people in our own communities. Alison Burns has the details from our Washington, D.C. bureau.

1:57 – Package

Ernie Lyles – Gun Shop owner

Jim Kessler – Americans for Gun Safety

1/25/02, 11 PM, Friday Christie Seibert

OWNING GUNS

The Commonwealth court has ruled that county judges can give a convicted person back his or her right to possess a gun. Under Federal law, a person convicted of a crime punishable by a prison term of more than one year can't possess a gun. But, as Christie Seibert tells us, one man is fighting that, and he's giving others hope.

1:50 – Package

Darlington Knipple – Hopeful about decision

Bob Kolar – Cambria County sheriff

1/29/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Parker

LICENSE COVERS

From fuzzbusters to radar detectors, lead-foot drivers have a number of ways to avoid speed traps. Now, some are even trying to use plastic to outfox police, license plate covers that are specifically designed to cover-up violations. It's a trend that's causing a stir on roadways. Lisa Parker has more details from Chicago.

1:35 – Package

Sgt. James Bedell – Naperville Police

1/31/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

ECSTASY PENALTIES

News that a multimillion dollar drug ring with ties to our area has been broken up is shedding new light on the drug known as ecstasy. It has become wildly popular with teenagers, and

new efforts are underway to step-up penalties for those who use it. Gary Sinderson has more on the growing ecstasy epidemic.

Scott Merrill – Pa Attorney General's Office

Brenda fry – Can Help Counseling Service

Sen. Jake Corman – Centre County

1/31/02, 11 PM, Thursday Sherry Stalley

FIGHT / NOT FIGHT

How often have you found yourself walking alone after dark, maybe to your car, your home, or down a sidewalk? Most of us can say we have. Keep in mind that a woman has a three times greater chance of being a victim than a man. Right now, Johnstown police are looking for a serial robber who is stealing purses from elderly women. What should you do to be safe, or what should you do if you are attacked? Sherry Stalley will answer these questions with the help of Julie Sidoni who agreed to be attacked in this Channel Six News Special Report.

3:15 – Package

Julie Sidoni – Agreed to be attacked

Officer Julie Jones – Johnstown Police Department

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . FEBRUARY

2/01/02, 11 PM, Friday Sherry Stalley

IDENTIFY ATTACKERS

It's hard to imagine being attacked, but if you were, what would you remember? Last night we showed you how someone reacts when they become a victim. Julie Sidoni agreed to be mugged in hopes of helping others. Tonight, in Part 2 of a Channel Six News Special Report, Sherry Stalley takes this story one step further. She shows us what it's like to try to identify the person responsible.

3:27 - Package

Dave Crichton - West Hills Regional Police

2/08/02, 6 PM, Friday Mike Majchrowitz

OLYMPICS / TERRORISM

The opening ceremonies for the 2002 Olympics is less than two hours away. They are supposed to be a model of international cooperation and peace. But the opening ceremonies may also serve as a model for future cooperation between law enforcement and the military in the war on terrorism. Mike Majchrowitz has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:46 - Package

Tony Ball - U.S. Secret Service

Maj. General Soriano - Joint Force

Brig. Gen. Grizzle - Joint Task Force

2/13/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Sherry Stalley

HOME BURGLARS

Do you feel safe in your home? Well, here's something that might change your mind. Last year, police in our region were called to several thousand burglaries, a majority at homes just like the one you live in. So what can you do to make your home safe? Also, what should you do if you come face-to-face with a burglar. Sherry Stalley has more in this special report.

2:59 - Package

Kevin Gaudlip - Richland Township Police Dept.

2/15/02, 11:30 PM, Friday Landra Booker

BENEFIT FRAUD

A Federal agency has found that immigration benefit fraud is out of control. The General Accounting Office says the INS has no idea just how bad the problem is. A report released by the GAO today criticizes the INS and claims that immigration fraud, left unchecked, is leading to more crime in America. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:54 - Package

Dan Stein - Immigration reform

2/19/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

EVICTON / DRUGS

Imagine being thrown out of your house because a member of your household used drugs. Under the law, it can happen to families living in subsidized housing. Now four families are looking to the highest court in the land to decide if the law can put them out on the street. Brigitte Langmade has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

Paul Renne - Attorney for evicted senior

Gary Lafayette - Oakland Housing Authority

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2/21/02, 12:00 AM, Thursday Kelly Mack

SHOPLIFTING

Shoplifting costs everyone money. In most cases, people steal out of need for an item or for quick money. But many shoplifters don't need the things they take. In fact, they have more than enough money to purchase what they're stealing. So why do they do it? Kelly Mack has this report on the psychology of stealing.

3:12 – Package

Ann Clark – Compulsive shoplifter

Doug Clark – Ann's husband

John Christman – Security expert

Elizabeth Corsale – Therapist

Dr. Paul Goode – Psychologist

Jeff Adachi – Attorney

2/26/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday John Patrick

INTERNET DRUGS

Just when you thought you heard about all the potential dangers lurking on the internet, there's something new that could be putting your child in harm's way. The web is now a hot place for anyone, including your child, to buy illegal drugs. John Patrick tells us what is being done to stop high tech dealers.

2:36 – Package

William Caltrider – Alcohol & Drug Researcher

Robert Stephenso – S.A.M.H.S.A.

Adelina Leon – Concerned parent

Emily Leon – Teenager

Sgt. James Doyle – New York Police Department

2/27/02, 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

TIP LINE

Police are using your tips to take suspected drug dealers out of your neighborhoods. The drug hotline-push out the pusher operates on a confidential basis and has been around for about 6 years. It is really proving to be a great tool in the war on drugs.

1:16 – Package

Robert Brandle – Across the street from dealer

Jackie Tinsley – Lives near dealer

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3/01/02, 5 PM, Friday Tylar Bacome

IDENTITY THEFT

We've heard the warnings time and time again. Cases of identity theft are on the rise. We all try to protect ourselves from such a crime. But what happens if there's no way to keep personal information from the person trying to steal your identity. Years of friendship were all one woman needed to start leading a double life. Tylar Bacome has some tips you may not have thought of to prevent this from happening to you.

1:43 - Package

Nekole Mapp - Victim

3/13/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

HEROIN

Heroin and just who is making money from the illegal drug trade in our country was a big topic on Capitol Hill today. What lawmakers uncovered may surprise you. With more on the story, let's go live to Washington and our Brigitte Langmade.

1:10 - Package

:15 - Live

Sen. Diane Feinstein - California

Asa Hutchinson - DEA Administrator

Rand Beers - State Department

3/20/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Allison Burns

ID THEFT

There's a new push on Capitol Hill to make it easier for victims of identity theft to restore their good names. Right now, many victims have to investigate their own cases and battle banks and credit reporting agencies with very little information. Allison Burns is live in Washington D.C. with more on this.

1:10 - Package

:13 - Live

Sallie Twenttman - Identity theft victim

Sen. Maria Cantwell - Washington

Christine Gregoire - WA Attorney General

3/21/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

DNA TESTING

When a woman is raped, what happens to the DNA collected in the case? The reality is that evidence can sit on the shelf for years while the rapist goes free to rape again. But lawmakers in Washington are trying to change that and possibly put more rapists behind bars. Brigitte Langmade has more from our Washington, DC bureau.

1:10 - Package

Debbie Smith - Rape victim

Rep. C. Maloney - New York

Sen. Maria Cantwell - Washington

3/22/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CLERGY ABUSE

Sexual abuse scandals and crimes in the Catholic church are getting a lot of attention. Now there is momentum to enact new legislation that would compel the church to come forward with information.

:58 - SOT/VO

Mark Serrano - Victim

Jeanine Pirro - New York prosecutor

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION JANUARY

1/04/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

YOGA IN SCHOOL

The Yoga Foundation is stretching into schools to see if the ancient art of relaxation might help a student's performance. Teachers are hoping it will improve their students' fitness levels and their grades

:45 – SOT/VO

Irene Boisvert – Foreign language teacher

1/07/02, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

With conflicting work schedules and split families, communication can be a real challenge for parents and teachers. But keeping communication lines open can make all the difference in how well a child performs in school. There's more in tonight's Smart Tip.

1:24 – Package

Tracey Dils – McGraw-Hill Education

Laurie Maio – Fifth grade teacher

1/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sarah Lee

EDUCATION PACKAGE

President Bush is on the road, promoting his education plan to improve the future for our children. The new law aims to close the achievement gaps between socio-economic and racial groups. NBC's Sarah Lee picks up the story.

1:43 – Package

Rod Paige – Education Secretary

Bob Chase – National Educator's Association

1/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

FINANCIAL AID / DRUGS

Many students can't afford the cost of higher education without financial aid. To get that aid, you must complete a lengthy form that includes a question that's raising a lot of controversy. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more.

1:00 – Package

:14 – Live

1/09/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Eileen Teves

EDUCATION REFORM

The President's plan to hold schools accountable for students is now law. After months of promoting the Education Reform Bill, President Bush says the new law will no longer allow students to slip through the cracks. How does this affect area schools? Eileen Teves is live in Blair County with the details.

:56 - Package

Bill Padamonsky - Education Director

1/15/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

STUDENT DEBT

January is the biggest month for new bankruptcy filings; recent studies show that a growing number of those filings are from students under age 25. Financial experts say that generation "Y" will enter the workforce with an average of \$19,000 in debt, more than any other during a recession-weakened job market.

:40 – SOT/VO

Anna Griswald – Director Financial Aid, Penn State

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1/18/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

COLLEGE CHEATING

As many as $\frac{3}{4}$ of college students admit to cheating at least once. Now, the University of Pittsburgh is looking at software to detect papers that students can buy off the internet.

:35 - SOT/VO

Richard Cyr - Professor of Biology

1/24/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

TUITION WAIVER

If you've been laid off recently or lost your job due to a plant shutdown or closing since Sept. 1st, you may be able to go back to school for free. It's part of a statewide initiative to provide tuition incentives to people to retrain or further their education.

:47 - SOT/VO

Joe Slifko - V.P. Academic Affairs

1/24/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

ZERO TOLERANCE

Public schools across the nation adopted zero tolerance policies regarding weapons and drugs after the tragedy at Columbine. But researchers at Penn State are worried that the policy could be troublesome later on. Sophia Wharton has more.

1:15 - Package

Craig Butler - Principal S.C. High School

Jackie Stefkovich - Penn State

1/28/02, 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

ANOTHER TUITION INCREASE?

The costs of higher education continue to go higher, and that's going to mean more money out of the pocketbooks for those who are paying tuition. This year, especially at State-related universities, there could be added sticker shock. With more on this story, Gary Sinderson joins us live from University Park.

1:08 - Package

:14 - Live

Jennifer Slivka - Penn State student

Eric Cummings - Penn State student

Graham Spanier - Penn State President

Edozie Akunyily - Penn State student

1/30/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Your kids may not have a choice when it comes to their school lunch. Congress is pressuring the Agriculture Dept. to pump up produce prices by supplying such crops like prunes and cranberries, and giving them to schools.

:25 - VO

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2/04/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

TUITION PROGRAM

The program that allows you to pay today's rates for future college tuition costs is adding new ways for you to invest in it. The Pennsylvania Tuition Account Program is growing increasingly popular.

:33 - SOT/VO

Barbara Hafer - PA Treasurer

2/04/02, 11 PM, Monday Eileen Teves

LIFE SMARTS

How smart are You? Is it what you learn in the classroom that helps you through life? Is it the real life lessons that matter most? An on-line quiz tests young students about life skills. Eileen Teves went back to the classroom to find out if the quiz says that kids make the grade.

3:02 - Package

Emily Stains - Junior

Carolyn Awker - Senior

Tom Smith - Counselor

Maureen Repko - Counselor

2/06/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Julie Sidoni

BULLIES TO BUDDIES

To prevent violence in schools, you first have to get to the root of it. Research shows, and many school officials agree, that root is bullying. There is a unique program to prevent bullying that is getting national attention. It's taking off practically in our own backyards. Here's Julie Sidoni with Part one of a Channel Six News Special Report: Bullies To Buddies.

2:10 - Package

Diana Schroeder - Council Coordinator

Samantha Calderon - Student

Jim Andrews - Student

2/07/02, 11 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

BULLIES TO BUDDIES PT 2

It's a unique program that helps prevent school violence, and it's getting national recognition. In Part 2 of a Channel 6 News Special Report, Julie Sidoni tells parents what to look out for if their child is the target of a bully.

2:27 - Package

Patti Wild - Teacher

Diana Schroeder - Council Coordinator

2/11/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

BUDGETS

While many schools are facing security issues, how to pay for stepped up protection is just one of the many budget questions. Many school officials are facing tough decisions this year in trying to balance their budgets. Gary Sinderson takes a look at what it could mean for tax payers.

:45 - Package

Dennis Younkin - State College School District

2/13/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

If your children are in elementary school, chances are they are not learning a foreign language just yet. But as Lisa Stofko reports, there are benefits to starting young.

1:25 - Package

Eileen Lambert - Educator

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2/20/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

The Supreme Court takes a landmark case that could make the difference in how your kids receive an education. The high court is considering arguments for and against school voucher programs. Landra Booker is standing by live in Washington with the latest.

Pinkie Gordan – Favors school vouchers

Ann Pallotta – Cleveland parent

Ken Starr – Ohion Attorney General

Holly Hollman – Baptist Joint Committee

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3/01/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

SEX EDUCATION

There is no stopping the sands of time; it's inevitable. Your little ones are going to mature and start having questions about sex. Where they should get their answers has been an equally big question. Now a new study looks at what role parents say that sex education should play. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:26 – Package

Eileen Lambert – Educator

3/07/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

BREAKFAST IN SCHOOL

They wake up, get dressed, and then go to school. Most students aren't finding time to fit breakfast into their morning routine. One area school district is helping kids fuel up. Eileen Teves has more on why their breakfast program helps students make the grade.

1:04 – Package

Lindsay Danella – Junior

Daniel Stehley – Sophomore

Doris Smith – Food server

3/07/02, 11 PM, Thursday Leanne Gregg

SPRING BREAK

Spring break's underway, and for thousands of college students, that means of days free time and non-stop partying. A new study by the American Medical Association says parents want to put the brakes on marketing by tour companies that target college students with promises of alcohol and sex. Leanne Gregg has more on the study.

1:29 – Package

Edward Hill – AMA

3/07/02, 11 PM, Thursday John Patrick

PEERING INTO THE CLASSROOM

Knowing how your child is doing in school isn't always easy. Now, more and more parents are tuning in, thanks to online grade books. With the click of a mouse, parents can keep an eye on everything from homework assignments to test scores. But some critics fear the trend is going overboard. Could peering into the classroom spell trouble for your kids? John Patrick takes a look.

2:31 – Package

3/14/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

GOING DIGITAL

The plan is to connect thousands of students in rural areas. More than a year ago, former Governor Tom Ridge granted three school districts four million dollars to turn digital. Spring Cove School District in Roaring Spring is one of them, bringing together technology and learning for 2000 students.

1:05 – Package

Preston Mock – student

Sarah Miller – student

Dr. Jay Scott – Superintendent

Karen Biddle – Mathematics teacher

3/15/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Anietra Hamper

REPORT CARD STRESS

Getting report cards are one of the most stressful times in a student's life. It can also be an anxiety-filled time for parents too. Anietra Hamper has some information from the experts about how to handle those tough moments.

1:42 – Package

Sharma Knisley – Parent

Sara Carter – Sylvan Learning Center

3/19/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

DRUG TESTING

The Supreme Court will decide whether your child has to take a drug test to take part in after school activities. Here in Central Pennsylvania, several school districts have been drug testing students athletes for several years. Leading the fight for testing is Congressman John Peterson who hopes schools will be able to test all extra curricular activities. Sophia Wharton has more.

1:27 – Package

Dr. George Cardone – Altoona High School

3/19/02, 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

RANDOM DRUG TESTS

The Supreme Court is taking up the controversial issue of random drug tests in schools. It's a case from Oklahoma, but it could impact your child's school right here at home. Channel 6's Brigette Langmade was in the courtroom for today's arguments and has the latest from Capitol Hill.

1:10 – Package

Lindsay Earls – Suing schools

Graham Boyd – ACLU Attorney

Stephanie Mather – Tecumseh, OK Public Schools

Rep. John Peterson – 5th District

Abbey Manska – Pittsburgh student

3/25/02, 5 PM, Monday John Zarrella

BINGE DRINKING

When it comes to college life, a new study shows that binge drinking is still a serious problem. John Zarrella has a closer look at the stats that are rising at a surprising rate.

:57 – Package

Henry Weschler – Principal investigator

Wendy Hamilton – MADD President Elect

3/25/02, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

STUDENTS TO UNIONIZE?

Should college students be able to unionize? More and more graduate students are now becoming part of the labor movement. While the costs for students to get education continue to increase, graduate students are being asked to handle more teaching responsibilities by their universities.

:49 – SOT/VO

Sandra Feldman – American Federation of Teachers

3/25/02, 6 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

TUITION SCALE

For all college students, tuition expenses continue to increase. That's why some major changes in payment options are now being considered. Gary Sinderson has our story.

1:20 – Package

Emily Traynor – Penn State sophomore

Graham Spanier – Penn State president

Bruce Waller – Penn State senior

EDUCATION MARCH

Extra 03/22/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines where college kids are spending Spring Break this year. Doing the break MTV style this year means skin, sun, and sexy bodies. Find out why this has become the most popular site for students and the new rules that are putting a damper on the yearly celebration in other cities.

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Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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1/02/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Max Gomez

ARRHYTHMIA TREATMENT

Heart rhythm abnormalities affect millions of Americans, and for 50 thousand heart patients, they're deadly. One of the most common disorders is treatable with drugs or electrical shock. Dr. Max Gomez has a look at the new treatment.

2:09 - Package

Kevin Tuomey - A-Fib patient

Jonathan Steinberg - St. Luke's Roosevelt Center

1/02/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

NOSEBLEEDS

It's a relatively common problem among children. Are you not sure about what to do when it comes to your child's nosebleeds? Tonight's "Parenting" may help. Here's Lisa Stofko.

1:57 - Package

Rhonda Davis - Mother

Dr. Joseph Zanga - Pediatrician

1/03/02, 11 PM, Thursday Diane Bakos

EATING FOR HEALTH

When it comes to health, more and more Americans are bypassing the doctor's office and heading straight to the grocery store. Diane Bakos has more on a new survey that shows most Americans feel they can prevent disease and stay healthier just by eating better.

1:57 - Package

1/04/02, 5 PM, Friday Elenora Andrews

UNI-KNEE

There's new hope for younger arthritis sufferers who want a surgical solution. There's a partial knee replacement called the Uni-knee. Elenora Andrews takes a look at the device.

1:27 - Package

Susan Shiets - Uni-knee patient

Dr. Michael McShane - Orthopedic surgeon

1/07/02, 5 PM, Monday Deanna Lites

PLASTIC SURGERY

When it comes to having plastic surgery, it's usually women headed to the doctor's office for a nip or tuck. But times are changing. Now it is very likely that you'll see some men in the waiting room also. Deanna Lites has more.

1:39 - Package

Dr. Julius Few - Northwestern Memorial Hospital

1/07/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

CHICKEN SOUP

One of the things you might want to be eating with your family is a good bowl of chicken soup. A new study shows that chicken soup contains substances that can ease the symptoms of upper respiratory tract infections.

:40 - SOT/VO

Dr. Steven Rennard - Prof of Medicine, University of Nebraska

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL JANUARY

1/08/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder has only recently been recognized as a common health problem. In the face of disaster, it's important to recognize the signs and know how to cope. There's more in tonight's Smart Tip.

1:22 – Package

Dr. Hani Khouzam – Veterans Association

1/08/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LOSING WEIGHT

The top New Year's resolution for most people is to lose weight. One dietician says that making some small changes is your best bet in winning the war on fat. There's more in tonight's Medical Alert.

1:50 – Package

Shelby Menly – Dieter

Dawn Jackson – Dietician

1/08/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

GENETICS AND SMOKING

Genetics combined with smoking can affect a developing baby during pregnancy. That's the conclusion of an article appearing in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association.

:53 – SOT/VO

Xiaoban Wang, M.D. – Researcher

1/11/02, 5 PM, Friday Diana Gonzalez

MENOPAUSE SUPPLEMENT

Is hormone replacement therapy the best way to cool off hot flashes and relieve other symptoms of menopause? A growing number of women are trying a more natural option. Diana Gonzalez tells us how researchers are looking for women to participate in a menopause supplement study.

1:58 – Package

Martiza Capasso - Menopause patient

Dr. Wayne Whitted – Gynecologist

Dr. Arlette Perry – Researcher

1/11/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

There's a crisis in healthcare, as skyrocketing premiums for malpractice insurance threaten to push some Pennsylvania doctors out the door. As Lisa Stofko reports, that's a situation officials warn could limit your access to quality healthcare unless lawmakers enact reform soon.

1:02 – Package

Dr. Michael Moses – Orthopedic surgeon

Mark Schweiker – Governor

1/11/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

PREGNANCY & PETS

Having a healthy pregnancy is every mother's goal. Taking certain precautions is important, particularly when it comes to pets. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:50 – Package

Dr. Joseph Zanga – Pediatrician

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1/14/02, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Tom Hopkins

NEW C.P.R.

Cardiologists say they've developed a new type of C-P-R, and it's supposed to dramatically increase your chance of saving someone's life. It's C.P.R. for the 21st century, and the American Heart Association has streamlined it to make it easier to remember and perform. Dr. Tom Hopkins brings us up to date on the changes.

2:17 - Package

Kelly Spitz - CPR Instructor

1/15/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Mary Stongs

AIDS VACCINE

Doctors are now testing a new aids vaccine. Researchers say the shot worked on monkeys, and now they hope the results will be similar in humans. Mary Stongs shows us how the tests are progressing.

1:54 - Package

Matthew Campbell - Study participant

Dr. Thomas Evans - Immunologic Disease Spec.

Susan Hulse - Clinical Research Coordinator

1/15/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Molly McMillen

PIERCING PROBLEMS

It may not make you feel better, but if your kids have any part of their bodies pierced, they're not alone. But there's bad news about the trend. About 17 percent of kids have suffered some kind of complication from the piercing. Molly McMillen takes a look at the popularity and the problems.

1:22 - Package

Ben Benson - Tattoo Artist

Michael Mulcahy - Piercing artist

1/16/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

ALCOHOL & PREGNANCY

Researchers say they've found an important link between drinking during pregnancy and learning problems in kids. Those findings may help explain just how alcohol damages the developing brain. Helen Chickering has tonight's "Medical Alert."

:56 - Package

1/17/02, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Kevin Soden

BREAST CANCER TREATMENT

A new way of treating breast cancer could soon offer a more convenient option for patients. Here's Dr. Kevin Soden with tonight's "Medical Alert."

1:30 - Package

Dr. Charles Smith - Radiation oncologist

1/17/02, 11 PM, Thursday Bonnie Kirschman

VIDEO PILL

A Wisconsin woman is one of the first to use a video pill to help treat Crohn's disease. Bonnie Kirschman shows us how this capsule-sized camera gives doctors at Saint Mary's Hospital an edge.

1:09 - Package

Ann Kozlovsky - St. Mary's Hospital

Kay Wisneski - Patient

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1/18/02, 5 PM, Friday Doreen Gentzler

NEW BANDAGES

Researchers are testing a new type of bandage that may help save lives of soldiers on the battlefield. Doreen Gentzler takes a look at how it works.

2:15 – Package

Col. Thomas Reid – Walter Reed Institute

1/18/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

MS THERAPY

There's a new therapy for people suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. It's a drug that's used to treat sleep disorders, and it's now giving MS patients a much needed boost of energy. Helen Chickering has the story.

:40 – Package

1/21/02, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

VIRTUAL TRAINERS

Have you ever wanted to have your own personal fitness trainer? Well, it is virtually possible.

1:17 – Package

Vince Garcia – Virtual Exerciser Quick

Carol Marie Cropper – Businessweek

1/21/02, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

BABY DIABETES

Every year, doctors diagnose nearly 15,000 children with juvenile diabetes. Now there's a way to determine a newborn's risk of developing the disease. It's a new screening program that's being launched in Florida.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dr. Mark Atkinson – University of Florida

1/21/02, 5 PM, Monday Stephanie Stricklen

KAVA DANGER

A popular herbal supplement may have played a role in one death and three liver transplants in Germany. It prompted that government to ban over-the-counter sales of Kava. The health problems associated with Kava there have U.S. officials here looking more closely at the supplement known for its anti-anxiety benefits. Stephanie Stricklen has more.

1:39 – Package

1/21/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa stofko

AT RISK MOMS?

Every day in the United States, two to three women die of pregnancy-related complications. But better quality pre-natal care could prevent as many as half of those deaths. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:27 – Package

Kim Bosley – Mother

Ed Bosley – Father

Carol Ritter, MD – OB/GYN

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1/22/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Kevin Soden

HOME TEST KITS

If you've been in a drugstore recently, you've probably noticed the growing number of home health test kits available. But as Dr. Kevin Soden reports, these home tests can be very advantageous, but only if they're used correctly.

1:11 - Package

Dr. Pat Treseler - Pathologist

1/22/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE

Americans buy more than five million over-the-counter non-prescription medicines each year, mostly for common ailments like colds, fever, and the flu. A new survey for the National Council on Patient Information and Education says that most people don't know what's in these drugs and are likely to use them improperly. Beverly Kirk has the latest from Washington.

1:45 - Package

Hal Quinley - Harris Interactive

Thomas Menighan - Pharmaceutical Association

1/22/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Hundreds of doctors went to Harrisburg today to get State lawmakers to deal with what they call a crisis in medical malpractice insurance. Members of the Pennsylvania Medical Society met with lawmakers to urge them to pass a malpractice insurance reform law.

:32 - SOT/VO

Dr. Len Marchinski - Orthopedic Surgeon

1/23/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

CHAMOMILE

For centuries, chamomile has been a popular remedy for just about whatever ails you. Tonight's "Smart Tip" shows you how the garden herb can benefit your life.

1:23 - Package

Judith Sachs - Author

Matt Nordberg - Herbalist

1/23/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Cherie Bank

BREAST CANCER BREAKTHROUGH

Just how high is your risk of breast cancer? If you're not sure, you're not alone. But doctors say they can now find out. Cherie Bank has more on this breast cancer breakthrough.

1:47 - Package

Roe Davis - At risk for breast cancer

Dr. Jennifer Sabol - Thomas Jefferson University

1/23/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

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1/23/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Dr. Kevin Soden

BACK MACHINE

As many as 80 percent of us will injure our backs at one point in our lives. But a new high tech machine could help revolutionize the way that injury and the pains that follow are treated. Dr. Kevin Soden reports.

1:00 - Package

Dr. William Marras - Ohio State University

1/24/02, 5 PM, Thursday Diana Gonzalez

NATURAL MEDICINE

Combining doctors and alternative medical treatment is a growing healthcare trend. Now one group of physicians is taking using the natural approach with both adults and kids. Diana Gonzalez takes a look at their unique practice.

1:00 - Package

Dr. Andrew Levinson - Medical Director

Clare Finley McCord - Patient

Leyda Cooksey - Mother

Dr. David Berger - Pediatrician

1/24/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Dr. Kevin Soden

CONTACTS FACTS

It's a warning optometrists and ophthalmologists have been giving for 20 years - Wearing your contact lenses overnight can cause serious infections. But a new study says that may not be true. Dr. Kevin Soden reports.

1:31 - Package

Dr. Dwight Cavanagh - Ophthalmologist

1/25/02, 5 PM, Friday Marion Brooks

HEART DISEASE / CHOLESTEROL

If your cholesterol is normal, you might think you're in the clear when it comes to heart disease. If so, you're fooling yourself. Heart disease can indeed be present even when cholesterol levels are normal. So tests that screen for factors beyond cholesterol are increasingly important for patients at risk. Marion Brooks has details.

2:54 - Package

Cal Kafka - Heart patient

Dr. Steven Devries - Preventive cardiology

Linda Querry - Patient

1/28/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Deanna Lites

WARMING FOODS

Usually, on a typical day in January, you'll probably catch a chill. But there may be some foods that can keep you warm. Deanna Lites reports that these warming recipes come from ancient Chinese medicine.

1:44 - Package

Dr. Donald Novey - Lutheran General Hospital

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1/28/02, 11 PM, Monday Lilian Kim

DNA / CANCER

It has helped investigators crack murder cases. Now, DNA is helping in the fight against cancer. As Lilian Kim reports, patients looking for bone marrow or stem cell transplants have a better chance at finding a donor thanks to DNA technology.

1:34 – Package

Kelly Grubb – Leukemia patient

Dr. E. Petersdorf – F.H. Cancer Research Center

1/29/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Doreen Gentzler

SURVIVING CANCER

It's one of the worst things you could hear from your doctor: you have a brain tumor. Every one-hundred eighty-five thousand Americans hear that diagnosis. Doreen Gentzler has the story of one young mother who's winning the fight against one of the deadliest kinds of cancer and how she's doing it.

3:11 – Package

Lisa Gibson – Cancer survivor

Dr. Henry Friedman – Oncologist

Dr. Paul Song – Oncologist

1/29/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Dr. Kevin Soden

KIDNEY PRESSURE

If you're on high blood pressure medication, listen up. There's a dangerous side effect of one popular treatment. Dr. Kevin Soden reports.

:56 – Package

Dr. Lee Herbert – OSU Medical Center

1/31/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Doreen Gentzler

PROSTATE CANCER

Doctors say they'll find 180-thousand new cases of prostate cancer in the U.S. alone. One third of those men won't survive it. But as Doreen Gentzler found out, there's hope.

3:14 – Package

Dr. Barlow Lynch – Oncologist

Ollie Green – Cancer survivor

1/31/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Dr. Kevin Soden

ADHD DISORDER

Researchers are looking into new drug delivery techniques for children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Dr. Kevin Soden has details.

1:08 – Package

Dr. Eugene Arnold – Child Psychiatrist

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Extra 01/02/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines that outlines a fitness and eating plan that reprograms your body to build muscles and burn fat. Dr. Scott Connelly says that you can just say "No!" to cardio. He believes you can become very fit and very lean without ever doing aerobics. He has published a book called Body Rx that describes a high protein high fiber meal program and a workout program that stresses muscle strength and endurance.

Show #: 8104

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 1/02/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines massage tips that can help with relaxation and the relief of stress. They discuss how a larger section of the population is turning to massage and that there is now even massage techniques for infants.

Show #: 1022-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 1/03/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half yoga with Mark Blanchard. Yoga can enhance physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Several simple moves are demonstrated.

Show #: 1030-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 01/03/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines Owen's cardio workout. He offers suggestions for getting more out of your regular workout plan by adding small weights. He also demonstrates how you can bump up your fitness level by using just a little more energy during the workout; for example jumping on your stairmaster.

Show #: 8105

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 1/14/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines the issue of new hair removal techniques that are both comfortable and convenient. They try out the different methods to demonstrate their effectiveness.

Show #: 114-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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The Other Half 1/22/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, the hosts look at common diet mistakes with author Ian K. Smith, M.D. They discuss his book, The Take Control Diet, that profiles diet don'ts.

Show #: 122-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 1/22/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines a fitness training program advocated by author Steve Zim in his book, Hot Point Fitness. The program includes just one twenty minute session each day of cardio and weight training that lasts for four weeks. The program is aimed at building muscle while reducing the percentage of body fat.

Show #: 8121 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 1/31/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, the hosts discuss hypnosis with Tom Silver, the author of "Thinner, Healthier, Happier." They discuss the effectiveness of hypnosis in dealing with health problems like obesity or smoking. There is a brief demonstration on the effect of hypnosis on audience members.

Show #: 131-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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2/01/02, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

UTERINE BALLOON THERAPY

It's not uncommon, but it is aggravating, and in some cases, can lead to anemia. We're talking about excessive menstrual bleeding. One in five women will experience it, typically in her late 30's or early 40's. Years ago, the primary solution was a hysterectomy. But today, there are newer, less invasive alternatives. Lisa Stofko has more in this Channel 6 Medical Alert.

Rita Jones – Patient

Dr. Delbert Yoder – OB/GYN

2/01/02, 5:00 PM, Friday Doreen Gentzler

SURVIVING COLON CANCER

Doctors gave Xavier Aragona only six months to live when they diagnosed him with colon cancer. That was five years ago. But his doctor treated him with an experimental cancer vaccine that is showing promise. Doreen Gentzler reports.

3:45 – Package

Xavier Aragona – Cancer survivor

Dr. John Marshall – Oncologist

2/01/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

SEX SELECTION

Do you want a boy or a girl? Would you chose if you could. As Lisa Stofko reports, the ability to select the sex of your child is a reality. But critics argue, "Does it cross the Line?"

1:36 – Package

Dr. Joseph Zanga – Pediatrician

2/04/02, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

OBESITY / HEREDITY

New research supports the idea that obesity is hereditary. It's based on a study of more than 19-thousand children born in the 1950's and 1960's. It finds that babies who gain weight quickly in the first several months may be prone to obesity later in life. But doctors say the study also suggests that prevention efforts targeting early infancy might help counteract genetics. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:10 – Package

Dianne Delisa – Mother

Dr. Matt Masiello – Conemaugh Hospital

2/04/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HEART DISEASE

Just think, if you don't have your health, you really have nothing. Making the right choices and breaking bad habits now can add years to your life. However, many women are misinformed. Do you know what your biggest health threat is? You're about to find out. Over the next few days, Channel 6 and Conemaugh Health System are going to help you help yourself. It's information that could save your life.

2:51 – Package

Barb Kuzminski – Cardiac patient

Dr. Charles Oschwald – Cardiologist at Conemaugh

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2/05/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH

Today, our series on heart health for women examines the warning signs and symptoms of heart disease. Women often experience different signs from men. Conemaugh Health System representatives are standing by to clarify this issue.

:45 – Live

Amy Bradley – Director of Public Relations, Conemaugh

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2/05/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

ADD

In the 1970's, experts began using the term "Attention Deficit Disorder" to describe a troubling condition in children. Now, 30 years later, doctors are warning that ADD is not just for kids. Jon Meyer reports on a diagnosis that has more and more grown-ups paying attention. It's a Channel 6 News Special Report.

2:31 – Package

2/06/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Brooke Hart

OBESITY

How do you prevent obesity? For adults, it's 30 minutes a day of moderate activity. Now child health professionals have come out with guidelines for kids, even infants. Brooke Hart has the story.

1:40 – Package

Dr. Jane Clark – NASPE

Jessica Simpson – Sterling, VA

Dr. Nazrat Mirza – Pediatrician

Kathy Stark – Reston, VA

2/06/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH

Today, our series on heart health for women examines strokes and stroke prevention. Conemaugh Health System representatives are standing by to clarify this issue.

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2/07/02, 5 PM, Thursday Deborah Ferguson

NEEDLELESS ACUPUNCTURE

No other medical treatment in the world is more used or researched than acupuncture. But for those who hate needles, there's a new option. Deborah Ferguson has more,

2:10 - Package

Brigham Bowles - Acupuncturist

Susan Montoya - Acupuncture client

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2/08/02, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

MEDICAL ALERT

Salt Lake City features the highest Olympic venues winter athletes have faced in decades. The extreme elevation is a big concern, especially in endurance events. But thanks to high tech advances in sports medicine, the thin air may actually give some athletes the edge. Helen Chickering has tonight's Medical Alert.

1:15 - Package

Dr. Ben Levine - Exercise Physiologist

Derrick Parra - US Speed Skating Team

2/08/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Brigitte Langmade

TALL TREATMENT

Fifty years ago, it was feared that extremely tall women would have trouble finding their way in the world. Back then, doctors handed out high doses of estrogen to help stunt their growth, but was it worth it? Later, some of these patients say their lives have been changed forever, and not for the better. Surprisingly, this treatment continues today. Brigitte Langmade has more in a Channel 6 News Special report.

2:11 - Package

Ilikeanette Navia - Tall girl

Dr. Neal Barnard - Research study author

Dr. Gilbert August - Pediatric endocrinologist

2/11/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

SPORTS MEDICINE

Shredded ligaments and crushed bones are severe injuries that have shattered Olympic dreams. But today, high tech advances in sports medicine are helping many athletes overcome what were once career-ending injuries. Helen Chickering takes us into the Olympic rehab center to show us the technology that's making it happen.

1:13 - Package

Dr. Andy Subudhi - U.S. Olympic Trainer

Jillian Vogtli - U.S. Women's Mogul Team

2/11/02, 5:30 PM / 12 AM, Monday Marty Radovanic

ECSTASY SURVEY

Millions of teens live under the illusion that ecstasy is no more dangerous than drinking alcohol. But a new survey found that the club drug can be a killer.

:40 - SOT/VO

Stephen Paslerb - Partnership for a Drug-Free America

2/12/02, 11:30 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

HEALTH COVERAGE

There was a dramatic increase in the number of Americans without health insurance last year. Two million Americans lost insurance in what is being called the biggest increase in more than a decade. But it's not a problem that will be ignored. Today more than a dozen national organizations vowed to raise awareness and find a way to make sure all Americans have health coverage. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:52 - Package

Mary Lou Harvey - Cancer victim's mom

Dr. Steve Schroeder - RWJ Foundation

Dr. Mark McClellan - White House Economic Advisors

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2/13/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

OLYMPIC HEALTH STUDY

Fans aren't the only ones keeping a close eye on the Olympic competition. Sports Medicine scientists from around the world are in Salt Lake putting the elite athletes, their techniques, and their training routines under the microscope. And the findings could help shape future gold medal olympians. Helen Chickering has the story.

1:08 – Package

Jaques Rogge – IOC President

2/15/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Alison Burns

HEART DEFECTS

Children born with holes in their hearts no longer have to undergo major open heart surgery. The Food and Drug Administration has just approved an innovative device that literally plus holes in the hearts of kids with congenital heart defects. Inserting the devices requires only one small incision in the patient's leg. Doctors say that it is a safer, more reliable, and less expensive way to heal heart defects. Alison burns reports.

2:03 – Package

2/15/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

SLEEP / HEALTH

Can losing sleep help you live longer? New research pulls off the covers on the longstanding belief that we need eight hours of sleep. Helen Chickering has the dtails.

:47 – Package

2/19/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Doreen Gentzler

DIABETES

For many diabetics, managing their disease can be difficult. That's because so many things can effect blood sugar levels. Now, doctors at Georgetown University have come up with a computer program that can help keep track of those levels. Doreen Gentzler has more.

3:01 – Package

Deborah Williams – Diabetic

Dr. Stephen Clement – Georgetown University Hospital

Betty Levine – Project manager

2/20/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Janet Wu

HAIR LOSS

Hair loss can happen to anyone. But when it happens to women, it can be particularly devastating. It can also mean serious health problems. Janet Wu has more on your hair and your health.

2:49 – Package

Ed Blee – Persona Salon

Dr. Jafar Koupaie – Dermatologist

Dr. Howard Baden – Mass. General Hospital

2/26/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Does your child drink alcohol? According to a new report, underage drinkers are consuming a quarter of the alcohol in the U.S. The National Center of Addiction and Substance Abuse found that 81% of adult drinkers say they started drinking alcohol before they were 21.

:35 – VO

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2/26/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

REPRODUCTION OPTIONS

Women who face reproductive issues know how difficult it can be, whether it is treatment for infertility or just obtaining information on what you need to know before getting pregnant. We've teamed up with Conemaugh Health System to try to help answer your questions and point you in the right direction.

:45 – Live

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health System

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2/27/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Nerissa Witherspon

WATER MYTH?

Do you really have to drink 8 glasses of water a day to stay healthy? Health experts say, maybe not, especially if you take into account the water that's in the food we eat. Nerissa Witherspon explains.

2:28 – Package

Susan Bowerman – UCLA

2/27/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

MENOPAUSE

It's something all women will have to suffer through in their lives – menopause. For some, the hot flashes and the mood swings seem like a curse. For others, it's just a change of life. Tonight, we wrap up our special series of tough topics for women with the subject of menopause. We've teamed up with Conemaugh Health System to try to help answer your questions and explain the options available for treatment to make the transition a little easier.

1:05 – Live

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health System

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2/27/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Half of all first graders have cavities. In fact, tooth decay is the most common, chronic childhood disease out there. The Child and Adolescent Health and Wellness Council has come up with a unique dental hygiene program geared for pre-schoolers.

:46 – SOT/VO

Marlene Singer, RN – Public Health Nurse

2/28/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jeff Derderian

SICK HOMES

Most of us are trying to ward off sinus infections and sore throats. So what's causing us to feel the way we do? Jeff Derderian takes a look at several things that could be making you and your home sick.

3:15 - Package

Jeffrey May – Author

Irene Martinovich – Pete's wife

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2/28/02, 11 PM, Thursday Diane Bakos

LIFE SAVING DESSERT

Preventing heart disease by eating ice cream, pudding or yogurt sounds pretty fishy, right?
Diane Bakos says that that's the point, it is fishy, but it works.

1:27 - Package

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3/01/02, 5 PM, Friday Cherie Bank

RECIPE FOR SLEEP

Do you have trouble sleeping? The problem could be what you're eating. Cherie Bank has a recipe for a better sleep.

1:06 – Package

Althea Zanecosky – Registered Dietitian

Prof. James Fox – Northeastern University

Alfred Blumstein – Carnegie Mellon University

3/01/02, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

COLD WX DANGERS

A lot of us complain about the cold weather. But the complaints can reach beyond just feeling cold. Doctors say that when temperatures take a sudden dip from mild to bitter cold, the result could aggravate respiratory conditions like asthma and emphysema.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dr. Chittivelu – Pulmonologist

3/01/02, 5 PM, Monday Diana Gonzales

AIDS VACCINE

Doctors are using a different method to attack the Aids virus. Some Miami researchers say the experimental Aids vaccine is showing promise. Diana Gonzales has the story.

1:44 – Package

Dr. Rafael Campo – Infectious Disease researcher

Dr. Gunter Kraus – Immunology researcher

3/04/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

SLEEP / BEHAVIOR

If you have a child who's misbehaving during the day, you may want to take a look at how he or she sleeps. More and more studies are linking sleep disorders to behavior problems in children. Helen Chickering has the story.

:49 – Package

3/04/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Eileen Teves

PREGNANT ABUSERS

Expectant moms know they would like nothing more than to bring home a healthy baby. However, moms that drink and abuse drugs while pregnant have serious consequences. Here's Eileen Teves with more on why one group wants to prevent the numbers from growing.

1:12 – Package

Cate Trimble – Family Resource Center Director

3/05/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Doreen Gentzler

CANCER VACCINE

Researchers are looking for a new treatment for ovarian cancer. Right now, the only option is surgery and chemotherapy. And for most, it works for a while. But unfortunately, the cancer comes back for 40 to 60 percent of women who get the treatment. Doreen Gentzler reports.

2:38 – Package

Bobbie Blasamo – Ovarian cancer patient

Dr. William Irvin – University of Virginia

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3/06/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Joyce Ohajah

MENINGITIS VAC

A new vaccine to prevent several forms of meningitis was unveiled in Scotland for the first human trials. The development of the vaccine was spearheaded by a Scottish mother who lost her son to the disease. Joyce Ohajah has more.

1:29 – Package

Dr. Juan Braun – Institute of Naturopathy

3/05/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

CHILD VACCINATIONS

If you are the parent of a young child, don't be surprised if, on your next visit to the pediatrician, your baby doesn't get all of the updated vaccinations he or she is scheduled for. Certain immunizations are in short supply. Lisa Stofko explains what's behind the delay and why doctors say that parents shouldn't be overly concerned if their children's shots are pushed back a few months.

1:49 – Package

Dr. Matt Masiello – Pediatrician

Tracy Urban – Mother

3/06/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Diana Gonzalez

ADHD DRUG

Inattention and hyperactivity are the hallmarks of ADHD. Ritalin is the standard treatment for the condition. But because it is a stimulant, many parents don't want their children to use it. Now a different type of drug is being reviewed as an alternative therapy. Diana Gonzalez has the story.

1:29 – Package

Dr. Richard Rubin – Miami Research Associates

Ana Yanes – Mother

3/07/02, 5 PM, Thursday Doreen Gentzler

ALLERGIES

March may come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, but it also brings with it the beginning of the Spring allergy season. But with the unseasonably warm winter we've had, the season's already here in full force. Doreen Gentzler has an allergy update.

1:53 – Package

Dr. Dan Brody – Allergist

3/07/02, 5 PM, Thursday Libby Weiner

PREGNANCY HOPES

Tonight, there is new hope for women who can not conceive. Doctors in Saudi Arabia have performed the first womb transplant. Even though it has been successful, Libby Weiner reports that childless couples should not get their hopes up.

1:29 – Package

Richard Smith – Chelsea & Westminster Hospital

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3/07/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

ALLERGY TREATMENT

As we told you earlier, allergy season is in full force a few weeks early, but wouldn't it be great if you didn't have to sniffle and sneeze through the next few months? Researchers at John Hopkins are testing a six week therapy that would do away with the years of allergy shots. As Helen Chickering tells us, the early results are promising.

:54 - Package

3/07/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Carolyn Pennington

PREGNANCY SNACK

University of Connecticut researchers are working on a new snack bar that will be jam packed with one chemical that's essential for the development of a baby's brain. Carolyn Pennington has more on the new snack that's made especially for pregnant women.

1:44 - Package

Carol Lammi-Keefe - Registered dietician

3/11/02, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Deanna Lites

COLON TEST

It's the second deadliest cancer for men, the third deadliest for women. But there's no easy, inexpensive, and highly accurate test to screen for colon cancer. But doctors in Chicago are trying to develop one. Dr. Deanna Lites has more.

1:32 - Package

Dr. Colin Howden - Northwestern University

3/12/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Doreen Gentzler

CAMERA PILL

Doctors are using an innovative way to see inside your body. It's not an x-ray. It's a pill that a patient swallows that contains a tiny camera that shows doctors exactly what is happening inside you. As Doreen Gentzler reports, it's already being used to help patients around the country.

2:16 - Package

Elmer Shiflett - Patient

Dr. Robynne Chutkan - Georgetown University

Peggy Shiflett - Elmer's wife

3/13/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Max Gomez

BOTOX

It's one of the most popular cosmetic procedures in the country. But, Botex injections used to smooth out your facial wrinkles have never been approved by the FDA. That may all change in the near future. Dr. Max Gomez reports.

1:40 - Package

Traci Slaton - Botox patient

Jill Feinstein - Botox patient

3/13/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

STRESS EATING

Do you grab a handful of chips or candy when you're stressed? A new study may make you think twice about it. Ohio researchers tested how quickly triglycerides leave the bloodstream.

:56 - SOT/VO

Dr. Carol Apovian - Researcher

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3/13/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Kate Turner

ARTIFICIAL JAW

Nevada isn't just known for gambling and deserts. Now it is the site of a medical breakthrough. For the first time ever, doctors at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas performed a life-changing procedure on a fifteen year old girl. They gave her a new jaw. Kate Turner has more on the jaw prosthesis surgery.

1:45 – Package

3/13/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

POST PARTUM DEPRESSION

Lawyers in the Andrea Yates case tried to convince jurors that Yates suffered from a severe case of post-partum depression. As Sophia Wharton found out, post-partum blues are very common.

1:26 – Package

Dr. Bartkowiak / OB-Gyn – Mother

Heather Hartz – Expecting 1st child

3/13/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

LAZY EYE

There's good news for parents with children that have the condition known as "lazy eye." If you have trouble getting your kids to wear a patch, there's an alternative treatment that works just as well – no patch needed. Helen Chickering has the details.

1:15 – Package

Dr. Jonathan Holmes – Pediatric ophthalmologist

3/14/02, 5 PM, Thursday Cherie Bank

FIBROMYALGIA

Fibromyalgia is a painful condition that has many patients looking for some form of relief. Now some patients are turning to alternative therapies like acupuncture. As Cherie Banks reports, mainstream doctors are starting to recommend it for their patients.

2:04 – Package

Linda Zeaman – Fibromyalgia patient

Sunny Goldfinger – Fibromyalgia patient

Patrick Lariccia – Alternative Medicine Specialist

3/14/02, 5 PM, Thursday Mark Pickard

EATING DISORDERS

For many of us, eating is more than just a way to survive. It's one of the pleasures of life. But for some, it is no pleasure – it's pain. These are people who suffer from eating disorders. They either eat way too much or hardly anything at all. Mark Pickard gives us a different perspective on eating disorders through the lens of a still camera.

1:32 – Package

Dina Zeckhausen – Eating Disorders Expert

Holly Sasnett – Photographer

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3/14/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

COLON CANCER HELP

Could a daily vitamin help you lower your risk of colon cancer, especially if you have a family history of the disease? That's one of the findings of a major cancer prevention study that was released today. Helen Chickering reports.

1:02 - Package

3/15/02, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

NEW PAIN RELIEF

Could tofu be the next ibuprofen? New research suggests that soy may help relieve pain. Helen Chickering has the details.

:44 - Package

3/15/02, 11 PM, Friday Diana Gonzalez

GAMMA KNIFE

Doctors have a new weapon in the fight against brain tumors. It's called a gamma knife, and it is giving patients all over the country new hope where there was once none. Diana Gonzalez explains.

1:55 - Package

Dr. Alkik Wolf - Neurosurgeon

Maria Abad - Gamma knife patient

3/18/02, 5 PM, Monday Monica Robins

TONSILLECTOMIES

Remember getting your tonsils taken out? A few years ago, it was common and painful. Now one doctor has come up with a new procedure that does away with pain and long recovery time associated with tonsillectomies. Monica Robins reports.

1:39 - Package

Dr. Peter Koltai - Cleveland Clinic

3/18/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Diana Gonzalez

THALIDOMIDE

It's a drug that brings up negative images. Thalidomide was used decades ago to treat morning sickness and caused major birth defects. But now it is being used to treat women with cancer. Diana Gonzalez reports.

1:33 - Package

Maria Hernandez - Cancer patient

Ramin Mirhashemi - University of Miami

3/19/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Janet Wu

CANCER CALCULATOR

More than one million people will get cancer this year. In some cases, it may have been prevented. But there's a way you can lower your risk. Janet Wu takes a look at the cancer calculator.

1:32 - Package

Dr. Graham Colditz - Harvard

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3/19/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

HERB CHECK

Millions of people use the herbal remedy St. John's Wort to treat depression. But now a new study is raising questions about the quality of those supplements. As Helen Chickering reports, when scientists put a group of herbs to the test, they found that most didn't contain the dose needed to make a difference.

:49 - Package

3/20/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

HELEX CATH

Imagine being told your child has a hole in her heart. Nowadays, a medical miracle uses minimally invasive surgery and a tiny medical device to fix the problem.

:42 - SOT/VO

Dr. Larry Latson - Cleveland Clinic

3/21/02, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

RESPIRATORY VIRUS

To you and me, it's just a common cold. But to premature babies or babies with chronic lung or heart problems, respiratory syncytial virus, more commonly known as RSV, can be life threatening. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:42 - Package

Michael Berchick - Father

Matt Masiello - Pediatrician

Rob Theys - Father

3/22/02, 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

MENTAL ILLNESS FUNDS

Is mental illness treated the same as other medical problems? Many who deal with it on a regular basis say no, and today they pleaded with State legislators to provide more funding help. Gary Sinderson has more.

1:05 - Package

Ellen Campbell - Parent

Dr. Mike Rice - Skills of Central PA

3/22/02, 11 PM, Friday Trina Robinson

PORTION DISTORTION

Spring is here, or at least the calendar says it is. You might be feeling extra pressure to win the battle of the bulge. But if you think losing weight means giving up the foods you love to eat, think again. The trick is avoiding one of the biggest diet blunders. Trina Robinson explains.

2:11 - Package

Shea Rarback - Nutritionist

Doug Moon - The Cheesecake Factory

Alex Diaz - Husband

3/29/02, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

CHILDBIRTH

Since the late 1970's, birth rates for women over 40 have skyrocketed. While many say they feel better prepared for motherhood, they also face a higher risk of birth defects. Now new research shows there's other health issues to consider. Helen Chickering has more.

:44 - Package

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The Other Half 3/08/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines a new workout that you do in your car. Cindy Ernst shows clever ways that commuters can stay fit using what they once thought of as wasted hours spent stuck in traffic.

Show #: 308-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 3/12/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half previews the hottest new exercise machine, the gyrotonic. Claiming to give you the ultimate workout, the gyrotonic is the latest craze in exercise equipment. The guys give the machine a workout to demonstrate its effectiveness.

Show #: 312-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 3/26/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines the issue of breast reduction surgery. Everyone is familiar with the issue of breast implants and breast enhancement, but now some women are seeking breast reductions. Dr. Grant Stevens explains the options and the medical issues involved.

Show #: 326-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 3/27/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines the link between mental health and physical health. Food trainer David Kirsch expounds on his book "Sound Mind/Sound Body."

Show #: 327-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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1/01/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PRIVATE CALL

You probably consider your phone bill to be private. After all, it tracks much of your life by documenting who you call and when. But it turns out, anyone with a credit card can buy a copy of your bill over the internet. It happens every day. It's not legal but no one's getting caught.

2:30 - Package

Jennifer Daft - Consumer

Al Schweitzer - Investigative consultant

Larry Poneman - The Privacy Council

Joel Winston - Federal Trade Commission

1/02/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

NATURAL GAS MONEY

Pennsylvania has been noted as successfully attempting to deregulate utilities. But that's not the consensus of all. While the price of gas units is dropping, some companies are compensating by charging more for deliveries. That's putting some honest citizens in financial jeopardy. Sophia Wharton has more.

1:15 - Package

Margaret Young - Homeowner

1/02/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Julie Sidoni

LOWERMYBILLS.COM

When it comes to saving money this year, it's hard to get ahead and still pay all those regular monthly bills. But believe it or not, there's a simple way to shop around for the best deals. Julie Sidoni has more.

1:49 - Package

Maria Smith - Saved money on bills

Matt Coffin - CEO, LOWERMYBILLS.COM

1/03/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SMART TIP INVESTING

Think you don't have enough money to invest? Think again. Tonight's Smart Tip shows you how smart investing can be painless.

1:20 - Package

Virginia Morris - Author

1/03/02, 5 PM, Thursday Mary Norton

NURSING HOME COSTS

Most of us don't know about the true costs of long term care, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and in home care. But according to a new survey, there's a big discrepancy between what we believe and the reality of out of pocket expenses. Mary Norton has the details.

2:09 - Package

Elinor Ginzler - AARP

Susan Weiss - patient

1/03/02, 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BILL CONSOLIDATION

Now that the holiday spending is over, the bills start coming in. For some people who are already having financial difficulties, this can lead them to make hasty decisions about credit consolidation, something attorneys say they should consider carefully.

:35 - SOT/VO

James Johnson - Attorney

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1/04/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

REPAIR DISCRIMINATION

On the consumer front, women face certain challenges when getting repair services that often men do not. We found that not only are women more prone to scams, they are also more likely to report them. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more.

:44 – Package

:12 – Live

Margie Anderson – Dep. Attorney

1/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PYRAMIDS WITH A TWIST

It's a pyramid scheme with a twist. Their targets are women. Scammers invite women to join clubs with huge initiation fees with the promise of multiplying that fee exponentially.

:42 – SOT/VO

Unidentified victim

1/10/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Chris Schauble

CAR GADGETS

A couple of major auto shows are going on this week, one in Detroit and one in Los Angeles. In LA, many of the new cars on display have the latest in high tech safety gadgets. Chris Schauble gives us a look. 1:37 – Package

Kevin Giacomini – Lincoln Marketing Manager

Robert Crow – Infinity Product Specialist

Kurt Antonious – American Honda

1/11/02, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Consumption is the engine driving the American economy. Understanding consumer confidence is the key to making sound investment choices. Here's some advice you can use on how you can keep track of consumer confidence.

1:27 – Package

Beth Svenson – Consumer

Peter Navarro – Author

1/14/02, 5 PM, Monday Asa Aarons

CONSUMER ALERT

We've all heard the saying, "What you don't know can hurt you." That's why the Consumer Product Safety Commission is urging people to begin this new year with as much safety information as possible. Asa Aarons has more about the products you may not have given a second thought to a few years ago.

1:45 – Package

Rod Holiday – Safety expert

1/14/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

ADVERGAMES

They're fun, colorful, full of action, and free to play. We're talking about on-line games. Kids are crazy for them. But buried inside is a message that says, "Buy, Buy, Buy." They're called Advergamses. Are they simply ingenious advertising or crafty ways to exploit you and your kids?

2:20 – Package

Teresa Glenn – Mother

Alex St. John – Wild Tangent Inc. CEO

Dr. Michael Brody – Child psychiatrist

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1/15/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

COMMUTER RATES

Now that more people are choosing to travel and fly, a problem has resurfaced – expensive rates on commuter flights. Sophia Wharton is live with more.

:50 – Package

:11 – Live

Ruth Yost – Bellefonte

Robert Dannaker – Airport manager

Rodelle Weintraub – Accent on Travel

1/15/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Vallese

SPACE HEATER

Each year, space heaters are blamed for the deaths of about 300 people and another 21-thousand house fires. Fire investigators say that all these tragedies are preventable. As Julie Vallese reports, the government is issuing some safety tips to get you through the remaining winter months.

1:30 – Package

Ken Giles – Consumer Product Safety Commission

1/16/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

HOUSEWARE SHOW

Did you ever lose food that was tucked away in the back of your refrigerator? Well, those days may soon be gone. That's because of the new products that are making their debut at the house wares show in Chicago this week.

1:55 – Package

Mario Delaguardia – Fizzmo inventor

Egido Cozzi – Bieletti

George Tratras – Equator Appliances

Bridget Haggerty – Chaney Instrument

1/17/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Brooks Jackson

RETIREMENT FUNDS

Thousands of Enron employees watched as their company nose-dived from its perch as the seventh largest company in the US to the country's largest bankruptcy. Some of those employees who had their nest eggs centered around Enron stock have nothing left for retirement. Brooks Jackson takes a look at what you need to know before you put all your eggs in one basket.

3:15 – Package

Frank Cisternino – Former Lucent employee

Ric Edelman – Edelman Financial Services

Mark Iwry – Retirement plan attorney

1/18/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

PACKAGING CHANGES

Last year, when a 16 month old ingested some baby oil that was kept on his changing table and died, his family was spurred into action. As a result, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recently dedicated a ruling in his honor that will soon require many common household products to have safety resistant caps. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:21 – Package

Joseph Zanga, MD – Pediatrician

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1/24/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Fred Katayama

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

The important documents and priceless heirlooms you have stuck away in your bank are safe, right? Think again. As Fred Katayama reports, your prized possessions may be guarded from a robber, but Mother Nature's another matter.

2:43 – Package

Sherri Bethelmy – Plaintiff

David Wollmuth – Bethelmy's attorney

1/24/02, 11 PM, Thursday Victoria Lim

COMPUTER HELP

One of the hottest holiday gifts this year was a personal computer. Whether you've just got one or you've had it for years, you need to know how to give it a protective environment. Victoria Lim explains.

1:15 – Package

Robin Raskin – PC expert

1/25/02, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CREDIT CHECK

Some habits need to be broken and some need to be kept. In tonight's "Smart Tip," we give you some ways to get into the habit of checking your credit.

1:16 – Package

Carol Marie Cropper - Businessweek

Linda Foley – Identity Theft Resource

1/28/02, 11 PM, Monday Liz Crenshaw

JUNK MAIL

Junk mail, it's what many call those pitches that arrive in the mail box. But Liz Crenshaw has more on a technique to keep you from tossing those pitches in the trash. It's a technique to make you think it's not a pitch at all, but a note from a friend.

3:00 – Package

Susan Hamilton – Received junk mail

Janet Wagner – Marketing professor

1/29/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

RECALL DOUBTS

Despite store recalls, children are still being killed by dangerous products. Child safety advocates say that too often, parents aren't aware that products have been pulled off store shelves. That means those products are still being used, and children are at risk. Now, there's new legislation on Capitol Hill that will get the word out to parents and possibly save lives. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:30 – Package

1/29/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Stephanie Boswell

COUNTERFEIT SUPERBOWL

Superbowl Sunday is just days away and the NFL wants to be sure that, if you're buying superbowl merchandise, it's authentic. The NFL has put in place several security measures to help cut down on counterfeit merchandise. Stephanie Boswell explains what fans should be looking for if they want the real thing.

1:13 – Package

Steve Alic – NFL Spokesman

CONSUMER ISSUES JANUARY

Extra 1/08/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines "extreme" vacations. It's Fear Factor meets the X Games crashing head-on at a Tahoe vacation clinic designed to conquer all your inhibitions. The program was created by big time extreme enthusiasts Christine Saunders and her husband JoJo.

Show #: 8109

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 1/16/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half looks at how to get tax money back. As taxpayers are getting their forms in the mail, there are steps they could be taking now to reduce their tax burden while securing their financial future.

Show #: 116-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 1/18/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines the effect of luggage screening on your travel plans. Peter Greenberg looks at the possibilities of delays with the new system of crosschecking bags but cautions that the only really effective way to ensure safety is the electronic screening of luggage.

Show #: 8118

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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2/01/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Brook Hart

AIRPORT SECURITY

If you bought an airline ticket today, you may have noticed an additional two dollars and fifty cents charge. Part of that fee will pay for the Federal government's expansion of a security screening system. That system's not aimed at what's getting on board, but who. It's already raising concerns among civil liberties and some passengers' rights groups. Brook Hart reports.

1:30 - Package

Steve Emerson - Former FBI agent

Eugene Laney - National Business Travel Association

2/04/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Kathleen Koch

FLYERS' CLUB

Are you tired of long security lines at the airport? If you are, consider joining your favorite airline's frequent flyer club. As Kathleen Koch reports, airlines are making sure those passengers are happy in the age of increased security.

2:09 - Package

2/05/02, 5:00 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

TAX SAVINGS

Is it too late to save on your taxes? Not necessarily. We've got more on tonight's "Tax Tips."

1:03 - Package

Bill Cressman - IRS Spokesman

2/05/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Deborah Feyerick

SEPT. 11 CHARITIES

Many of us have spent money buying something to remember the Sept. 11th attacks. Most times, part of the proceeds are suppose to be given to charities. But is the money getting to the people who need it most? Deborah Feyerick reports.

2:28 - Package

2/06/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

TAX TIPS

Are you doing all you can to maximize your deductions on your tax return? The IRS says you may want to take another look at what's available to you before you write off this year's taxes.

1:05 - SOT/VO

Bill Cressman - IRS Spokesman

2/07/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

Best Pizza

If you have kids, it's one of the easiest dinners. But what's the best frozen pizza on the market? Becky Thompson puts them through the taste test.

1:18 - Package

2/07/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Ross McLaughlin

GLADE DANGERS

Could a sweet smelling product contain a hidden fire hazard? Consumer Investigator Ross McLaughlin examines claims that Glade plugins could not only fill your home with the smell of vanilla, but also with flames.

3:08 - Package

Cathy Ackley - Homeowner

Dr. James Munger - Fire Investigator

Mike Fitz - Forensic Engineer

Cynthia Georgeson - S.C. Johnson

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2/11/02, 5 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

LEMON LAW

We've all heard the term "Made on a Monday." That usually refers to a product that just doesn't perform as well as it should. A new law goes into effect tomorrow that will protect leasees if they get a lemon.

:40 - Package

:19 - Live

John Stuckey - John Stuckey Ford

2/11/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

TELEZAPPER

Are you tired of having dinner interrupted by telemarketing calls? A new product is now being sold that claims it can zap those annoying calls. Channel 6 Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson decided to find out if it really works.

1:53 - Package

Mike Viglietta - Tried Telezapper

2/13/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Many people have either jumped into the digital world or are considering it. But do the new digital cameras and inkjet printers pass the speed and price tests? Channel 6's Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson takes a look.

1:31 - Package

2/13/02, 11:30 PM, Wednesday Anna Davlantes

FAST FOOD HABIT

It's quick and easy, but what is really in that burger, fries, and shake, that keeps us coming back for more? They've been around for decades. But the science behind fast food is now as high tech as it gets. Anna Davlantes tells us why fast food tastes so good.

3:18 - Package

Sheila Moore - Food chemist

Eric Schlosser - Customer

Catherine Disanto - Loyola Medical Center

George Adkins - Burger King

2/14/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

RENTER'S INSURANCE

A major difficulty for many of the families displaced by yesterday's major fire in Blair County is that they didn't have renter's insurance. A lot of people don't realize how inexpensive it is for the protection you do get. Too often, it is a lesson learned too late.

:45 - SOT/VO

Lisa Manicinelli - State Farm agent

2/14/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES

Has your child blown away a bad guy, stolen a car, or watched someone be eaten by a horrifying zombie? If your kids play video games, there's a chance they might have done all that and more. Channel 6's investigative reporter Becky Thompson decided to find out what, if anything, local stores do to keep those violent games out of the hands of your children.

1:30 - Package

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2/18/02, 6 PM, Monday Phil Rogers

AUTOMATED ANSWERS

When was the last time you called a business and a person answered the phone? For a growing number of people, it's been a long time. And voice mail and phone menus are becoming increasingly annoying. So what happened to the simple act of answering the phone? Phil Rogers set out to answer that question in this report.

3:01 - Package

Terry Barnich - Communication consultant

Jeffrey Citomer - Sales consultant

Gordan Matthews - Inventer voice mail

Nancy Gouch - Nextira One

2/19/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

INTERNET CHARGES

When does "free" cost you? Unsuspecting internet users may be setting themselves up for a hefty phone bill and not even know it. Lisa Stofko is working this story and joins us live with more.

2:19 - Package

:09 - Live

George Fattman - Internet user

Christyn Rossman - Intern / Mediator

2/20/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Paul Herdtner

TELE PSYCHIC

Even if you don't call tele-psychics, you may know who Miss Cleo is. She's showing up on many people's phone bills, even though they never placed the call. Is it the work of a psychic or just one big scam? Paul Herdtner from our sister station WHIO investigates.

3:26 - Package

Nancy Schelle - Consumer with a complaint

Sean Moynihan - Access Resource Services

Gayle Kelleher - Consumer with a complaint

Betty Montgomery - Ohio Attorney General

Channel 6's Becky Thompson has more now on the investigation of Miss Cleo and one family's claims that they were harrassed for calls they did not make.

2:00 - Package

2/22/02, 6 PM, Friday Eileen Teves

DONATIONS / TAX BREAKS

Are you getting ready to clean out your closet or buy a new living room set? Aside from getting some extra closet space and new furniture, you could get a healthy tax break. Eileen Teves shows you how in a NewsCenter 6 special report.

2:23 - Package

Terry Shook - Certified public accountant

2/22/02, 11:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

NEW FORMS

If you're looking to buy a gun, there's a change in the way background checks are done. The Federal government is sending new forms to gun dealers.

:35 - VO

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2/27/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

ENERGY

Finding new ways to reduce our dependence on foreign oil brought a group of State lawmakers and energy experts to Penn State today to get a first hand look at the latest university research. They saw technical advances that could benefit us all within a few years. With more, Gary Sinderson joins us live from University Park.

1:05 – Package

Harold Schubert – PSU Energy Institute

Rep. Ellen Bard – 153rd District

2/28/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

FUNERAL FRAUD

Once in a while you hear about families who paid in advance for funerals and then came up empty-handed when it was time to collect. Sophia Wharton takes a look at how this could happen and what you can do to protect yourself.

1:05 – Package

2/28/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

PRESCRIPTION SAVINGS

Two years ago, people stood in line in Pittsburgh to board a bus to Canada to get lower prices on their prescription medications. Now many people have discovered an easier way to get those same deals. Becky Thompson has this special report.

2:17 – Package

CONSUMER ISSUES FEBRUARY

The Other Half 2/05/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines products that claim to eliminate cellulite on the body. Creams, herbs, and exercise devices all target the unsightly and dreaded fat buildups, so the hosts take a look at product effectiveness at fulfilling their miraculous claims.

Show #: 205-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 2/19/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines TV psychic Miss Cleo. The woman is everywhere giving advice on life and love. But "Extra" has learned that Miss Cleo's future is bleak, as charges of false advertising, price gouging, and plagiarism mount. Facing charges in nine state, the question is, "Is Miss Cleo a fraud?"

Show #: 8145

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 2/27/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines the hip-hop pants that are heating up Hollywood, low-ride jeans. Frankie B. Jeans have created a dangerously low craze that has some wondering just how "low" they can go.

Show #: 8152

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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3/04/02, 5 PM, Monday Jeff Derderian

RETIREMENT FUNDS

Many of us are watching our retirement savings shrink since the Sept. 11th attacks, so what can you do to protect your nest egg. Jeff Derderian takes a look a seven ways to take action now.

2:35 – Package

Suze Orman – Financial Expert

Timothy Lazcano – Financial Consultant

3/04/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

INSURANCE SAVINGS

Are you looking for a way to save money on your homeowner's insurance? Quit smoking. Almost all insurance companies give discounts to homeowners who don't smoke because the risk of starting a fire is reduced. Lisa Stofko looks at some other discounts that could help you cut your premiums.

1:27 – Package

Kris Allard – Mother

Ilyce Glink – Finance Expert/Author

3/04/02, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

GAS REBATES

All in all, we've had a relatively mild winter. That means many of you are paying less for your heating bills. But if you use the monthly budget plan, Sophia Wharton has some advice on how to get your hands on any money the gas company owes you faster.

1:08 – Package

Pam Couch – State College homeowner

Kerry Couch – State College Homeowner

3/05/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Judy Peterson

INTERNET ADS

If you've surfed the net, then you've run into them, pop up ads – those little boxes that spring up on your computer right at the point you want to look at something. So why are they crowding your screen? Judy Peterson reports.

1:10 – Package

Matt Cutts – Google

Jeffrey Kallis – San Jose State

Ward Hanson – Stanford Business School

3/05/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

DVD PLAYERS

DVD players are big sellers these days but they have one limitation. Unless you pay big bucks, you can't record programs like you can with a vcr. So do combination DVD-VCR machines deliver what they promise? Becky Thompson teamed up with Consumer Reports to find out.

1:35 – Package

Cory Shidlofsky – Salesperson

Maria Grimaldi – Consumer Reports

Bob Markovich – Consumer Reports

3/06/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

PAINT ROLLERS

You've seen the commercials, but do those mini-paint rollers that are supposed to end your pre-taping days really work? Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson has a report.

1:16 – Package

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3/06/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday John Patrick

DESKTOP DRESSING

You know the drill – the clothes look great in the catalog or on the web. But when you slip into them, they take on an entirely new shape. Now you can create a virtual model of yourself and actually try them on in cyberspace. John Patrick takes a peek into the desktop dressing room.

1:57 – Package

Amy Davis – Has a virtual model

Carrie Johnson – Retail analyst

Bill Bass – Landsend

Becki Rundels – Lane Bryant

Mark Lowe – My Virtual Model

3/07/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

TREADMILLS

Let's face it, in a climate like ours, you may not be able to pound the pavement as often as you'd like. But you do have an option, a treadmill. Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to find out which treadmill takes the most pounding.

1:36 – Package

3/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Eileen Teves

RETIREMENT

You can save up, put it away, or rely on your company to do it for you. Many of you would like to think your retirement savings are a sure thing. But the Enron situation, where folks relied on their company's stocks to help build their nest eggs, proved otherwise. What can you do to protect yourselves? Eileen Teves has this report.

1:15 – Package

Diane Schoeffler – Saving up for retirement

Marty Kooman – Certified Financial Planner

3/08/02, 5 PM, Friday Carolyn Prennington

WRINKLE-CREAM

The quest for a wrinkle-free future has many of us trying dozens of anti-aging products. But not every one will be the right one for your skin type. Which products are best for you? Carolyn Prennington checks them out.

1:44 – Package

Dr. Jane Grant-Kels – University of Connecticut Health Center

3/08/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

SOY MILK

Have you tried soy milk yet? Consumer investigator Becky Thompson puts the leading brands to the taste test.

1:31 – Package

3/08/02, 11 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

LEAKENDER

It looks like a can of spray paint. It promises to fix just about any leak in a pipe, gutter, boat, and even a garden hose. It's called Leakender 2000, and as Becky Thompson reports, Consumer Reports tested it to see if the spray is the miracle-sealer it claims to be.

1:20 – Package

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3/11/02, 5 PM, Monday Victoria Lim

CREDIT OFFERS

A good credit standing can mean a solid financial future. But it also can become a headache for you and your family. It could stuff your mailbox with a lot of junk mail. But there's a way to stop the credit card offers from piling up. Victoria Lim has some simple suggestions.

2:03 – Package

Capt. Bill Wade – Consumer

Holley Wade – Consumer

3/12/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

PASTA VALUE

You've seen the commercials, the ones where you dump a bag of uncooked pasta into a baking dish with a jar of special pasta sauce. Just a few minutes later, out comes a hot and quick meal that will serve your entire family. But how do they taste? Channel 6's Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports and puts them to the test.

1:13 – Package

Kim Kleman – Consumer Reports

3/12/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PHONE COMPLAINTS

If you've ever had a problem with your telephone, you're not alone. Bad phone service and improper billing have put telephone complaints at the top of the FCC complaint list. So how can you lower your frustration level?

1:12 – Package

Joe Case – Ohio Atty. General spokesman

3/13/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Elaine Quijano

BUMPERS

They're meant to help protect you in an automobile crash, but the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says the bumpers on four new vehicles didn't hold up well in low speed crash tests. Elaine Quijano has the details on which cars fared the worst.

1:36 – Package

Adrian Lund – Safety advocate

3/13/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

DEBIT CARDS

There's been a major shift in the way people are shopping. These days, more of us are using debit cards instead of credit cards. Debit cards do have advantages, but as Channel 6's consumer investigator Becky Thompson points out, they don't give you the same protections.

1:09 – Package

Erica Djibas – Debit card user

Marlys Harris – Consumer Reports

3/14/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday IJ Hudson

E-FILING

Have you filed your taxes yet? You may want to consider e-filing if you haven't filled out the paperwork yet. E-filing gets bigger every year, and it will continue to grow as more people become comfortable with the net and making financial transactions on-line. IJ Hudson has more.

1:47 – Package

Terence Lutes – IRS

Wade Lagrone – Yahoo! Finance

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3/14/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

LETTUCE ROT

A cold snap in California has ruined the late winter crop of lettuce. More than half of the nation's lettuce comes from the West Coast, and consumers are likely to see smaller heads of lettuce with brown edges at a higher cost.

:48 - SOT/VO

Susan Oswalt - Bellefonte

Barbara Heinhold - State College

3/18/02, 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Brigitte Langmade

AIRLINE TARIFF

Could foreign countries hurt by steel tariffs strike back at other U.S. industries? It could happen. But it may surprise you who the target could be. Brigitte Langmade is following this story and joins us live from Washington with the latest.

1:20 - Package

:14 - Live

Calman Cohen - Comm. For American Trade

Jon Ash - Global Aviation Associates

3/19/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Liz Crenshaw

STEAM BLASTER

Now you can blast your house clean with the power of steam, at least the infomercial says you can. But does the Shark steam blaster really do that? Liz Crenshaw reports.

4:28 - Package

Steve Syatt - Spokesman

3/20/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Liz Crenshaw

FOOD STYLER

It's a machine that makes food preparation so easy, it's like having a chef in your kitchen. That's what the Lapresse Gourmet Food Styler claims. But Liz Crenshaw wants to know if it really does that?

3:43 - Package

3/20/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

CREMATORY BODIES

America's funeral directors promise to take action to keep something like the crematory nightmare in Georgia from happening again. The industry will hold its first consumer protection meeting tomorrow in the nation's capitol. Brigitte Langmade has more on that meeting from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:48 - Package

Robert Vandenberg - National Funeral Director's Association

Gary Eakes - Partnership for Caring

3/21/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Liz Crenshaw

ULTRA VECTION OVEN

You've probably heard this before, a new kitchen appliance so remarkable, it'll change the way you cook forever. That's what the ultra vection oven claims. Liz Crenshaw shows us if it really works.

3:20 - Package

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3/22/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Liz Crenshaw

IGIA EXPRESS IRON

Gone is all that time wasted ironing your clothes. The Igia Express Iron claims that it will have you throwing away your old iron. But before you do, Liz Crenshaw puts this new gadget to the test.

3:03 – Package

3/25/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Brooke Hart

GAS PRICES UP

Sticker shock is striking drivers when they hit the gas pumps. According to the Lundberg survey, the biggest two week jump in 50 years has hit your neighborhood gas station. More now from Brooke Hart.

1:00 – Package

Joseph Rohayem – Gas station attendant

Mantill Williams – AAA Spokesman

3/26/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Liz Crenshaw

EASTER EGG COLORING KITS

If you have kids, chances are good that you'll have lots of colors in your future. That's because it's time to color the Easter eggs. To find out which coloring kits are the best, Liz Crenshaw goes straight to the experts, the kids.

2:41 – Package

3/27/02, 5 PM, Wednesday I J Hudson

LAPTOPS

Laptop computers can go anywhere. But there is a downside – they don't always hold up. But there's a new type of laptop that will take a beating and will still work. I.J. Hudson takes a look at the new computer that is being used by law enforcement authorities now and may soon be available to you.

1:39 – Package

Albert Hawk – Cycomm CEO

Jim Bland – Cycomm President

3/29/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

GAS PRICES UP

Just in time for a busy travel weekend, it's happened again. Those taking to the road are finding that gas prices are up. This is the second jump this week. Sophia Wharton talked with drivers to find out if this has affected their plans.

1:11 – Package

Ross Hoover – Altoona

Martha Blair – Mount Union

Sherrie Redd – Altoona

3/29/02, 5 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

INCOME TAXES

The rush is on to get your income taxes done. About 70% of us are looking forward to getting some money back from the IRS. Because of that, a lot of companies are advertising that they can get that refund back extra fast. But as Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson shows you, the ads don't tell you the whole story.

1:10 – Package

Kim Kleman – Consumer Investigation

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3/29/02, 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

BEEF PRICES

Today's warmer weather may have you thinking of outdoor barbecues, cooking some burgers on the grill. But with cattle producers struggling with the drought and other issues, will we be paying more at the butcher's shop and grocery store? Gary Sinderson has some answers.

1:35 - Package

Bob Livingston - Cattleman

Mylin Messick - Cattleman

Sam Hayes - PA Sec. Of Agriculture

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The Other Half 3/07/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines "101 Uses for Bridesmaid Dresses" with Cindy Walker. Bridesmaid dresses are a huge investment and are unfortunately usually only worn once. Ms. Walker instructs viewers on how to get some value from their investment.

Show #: 307-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 3/11/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half looks at makeunders, the makeup worn foundation. Vincent Longo Cosmetics comments on which items are most necessary and what products are the best buys.

Show #: 311-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 3/29/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines the hottest shoes for the spring and summer. The styles are available in all price ranges and sizes. Styles also range from practical to outlandish. The hosts find out what women need to consider when picking out the style for themselves.

Show #: 329-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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1/02/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

REDISTRICTING

Sharp words are flying tonight after a redistricting plan was passed by a special House-Senate committee. Members of that committee voted 4 to 2 to approve a plan that would cut Pennsylvania's 21 congressmen to 19, a move required by the Constitution because of population changes.

:45 - SOT/VO

Rep. Sam Smith - Jefferson County

1/03/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

MORE TROOPERS

More troopers to make our streets safer. That's what Gov. Mark Schweiker promised when he first came into office. Now his promise has been granted, thanks to a new State bill to hire hundreds more. Eileen Teves is live in Altoona with what it all means.

:34 - Package

:14 - Live

Tpr. David White - PSP Hollidaysburg

1/09/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

REDISTRICTING

Redistricting in Pennsylvania has caused a major shakeup in our part of the state. Much of Somerset County will no longer be represented by a key ally, Congressman John Murtha. Jon Meyer is live now with more.

1:10 - Package

:15 - Live

Hank Parke - Chamber of Commerce

Bob Miller - Jet Aerospace Vice President

1/09/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Tylar Bacome

TAX CHANGES

A new year brings big changes for our taxes. Tylar Bacome takes a look at some of the major differences under the new tax laws.

1:50 - Package

Rich Lundy - GBQ Partners

1/14/02, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

REDISTRICTING

With redistricting, a great part of Somerset County that was part of Democrat John Murtha's district has now fallen to Republican Congressman Shuster. To talk more about what this plan mean to congressman Shuster and Somerset County, we're joined by Dr. Ray Wrabley, a political science professor at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

:55 - Live

Dr. Ray Wrabley - UPJ

1/14/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jim Hanchett

NATIONAL I.D.

The people who issue driver's licenses want to create what amounts to a national identification system. Right now, licenses vary from state to state, making them easier to forge. Jim Hanchett has the latest from Washington, D.C.

1:30 - Package

Betty Serian - Motor Vehicle Admin. Assoc.

Marc Rotenberg - Electronic Privacy Info